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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,
AND USE THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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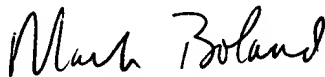


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